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SUBJECT: EXPORT CREDITS - PROPOSED BILATERAL DISCUSSION

REF: STATE 191418

1. MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI)
(SATO, DIRECTOR, EXPORT INSURANCE DIV, WHO REPLACED
MAEDA) ADVISES THAT THE GOJ WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH
USG TEAM TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CREDITS IN
TOKYO AT THE TIME OF THE REGULAR EXIMBANK AND EID/MITI
MEETING OCT 3 AND 4. FIRST LISTED TIME -- MORNING OF
OCT 3 -- IS AGREEABLE TO GOJ, ASSUMING THE U.S. SIDE
BELIEVES A HALF DAY IS ENOUGH.

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2. SATO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD BE ABLE TO
MAKE AVAILABLE, PERHAPS TWO OR THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE
MEETING, A DRAFT OF ITS SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ARRANGEMENT. HE THOUGHT THAT IF THIS
COULD BE DONE, DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE MUCH BETTER PREPARED.

3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS ALSO

INVITED THE GOJ TO MEET BILATERALLY PRIOR TO THE OCT
REVIEW MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARRANGEMENT. THE
COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED SUCH A MEETING AROUND THE TIME OF
THE REGULAR GOJ/GERMAN AND GOJ/FRENCH BILATERAL CONSULTA-
TIONS (SIMILAR TO EXIM AND EID/MITI CONSULTATIONS)
SCHEDULED FOR MID-SEPT IN EUROPE. WHEN WE TALKED TO THEM
EARLIER, MITI WAS PLANNING TO AGREE TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS
IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY, SEP 18. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,
IT WOULD SEEM TO US DESIRABLE THAT THE GOJ BE AS WELL
INFORMED AS THE EC COMMISSION AND OTHER EUROPEANS CONCERN-
ING OUR THINKING ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ARRANGEMENT PRIOR
TO ITS MEETINGS WITH THE EUROPEANS. THE FRENCH AND GERMAN
CONSULTATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF SEP 10.
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